

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 3303

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a research and program to focus on eliminating achievement gaps among minority students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0592 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0592 RESEARCH AND PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON MINORITY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. (a) The board may enter into an agreement with a foundation that is a 501(c)3, non-profit educational leadership organization to:

(1) conduct, coordinate, collect, and evaluate research relating to eliminating educational and other achievement gaps among ethnic and racial minority students, with a particular focus on eliminating achievement gaps among African American students, and

(2) develop programs, policies, and strategies to address those achievement gaps.

(3) the foundation shall report its findings, including recommendations, to the agency by a date adopted by the agency.

(b) The board shall present to the legislature and the governor a report under Subsection (a)(3).

(c) The foundation or board may solicit and accept gifts and grants from any public or private source for the benefit of this

1 research.

2 (d) The board may use money appropriated for the purposes of
3 this section and any gifts and grants received by the agency or
4 foundation under Subsection (c) for the establishment and operation
5 of the research project.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.